

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-3, 5, 7, and 9-26 were rejected under section 103 as being unpatentable over Cleve et al. In view of Dimitrov. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9-26 were rejected under section 103 as being unpatentable over the combination of Singer et al., Urdea et al., and Horn et al.

In response, Applicant have amended independent claims 1 and 12 to recite, "wherein the bar codes are proximately located to a signal enhancing surface comprising a salt selected from the group consisting of LiF, NaF, KF, LiCl, NaCl, LiBr, NaBr, LiI, NaI, and KI, the location sufficiently proximal to enhance the signal 2-100 fold." Support for this feature can be found in paragraph [0122] of the specification. None of the applied references teach or suggest the invention claimed in independent claims 1 and 12 or the claims that depend on these claims. Specifically, none of the applied references teach or suggest the use of signal enhancing salts.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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